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**The Prosocial Effects of 3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA): Controlled
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We review recent findings on acute prosocial effects of MDMA in humans and animals. MDMA increases prosocial behavior and decreases aggression in laboratory animals. In humans, MDMA robustly heightens affiliative feelings and prosocial mood states. MDMA blunts responses to negative and enhances responses to positive social stimuli. These effects may motivate recreational use of 'ecstasy' and 'molly'.

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